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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

AMERICAN CRANE &  
EQUIPMENT CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BECHTEL NATIONAL, INC.,

Defendant.

No. CV-13-5120-LRS

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
GOVERNING CONFIDENTIALITY OF  
MATERIALS AND INFORMATION  
PRODUCED IN DISCOVERY

Plaintiff American Crane & Equipment Corporation (“ACECO”) and Defendant Bechtel National, Inc. (“BNI”) have determined that certain responses to discovery, including documents to be produced, written responses and deposition testimony may constitute or encompass confidential or proprietary information entitled to protection from use or disclosure other than in connection with the litigation of this action. The parties have agreed, without waiving any privileges and/or constitutional, statutory or common law protections, but in order to facilitate the resolution of confidentiality issues with a minimum of Court involvement as follows:

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(Cause No. CV-13-5120-LRS)

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## AGREEMENT

1. This Stipulation and Order shall apply to all manner and means of discovery, including inspection of books, records, magnetic or electronic media, documents and things, and all manner of written and oral discovery.

2. Any party to this Litigation, and any third party from whom/which discovery is sought in the course of this Litigation, shall have the right to designate as “CONFIDENTIAL” any information that such party (the “Designating Party”) has a reasonable basis to believe constitutes or reflects: (1) trade secret or other confidential research, development or commercial information, including non-public financial information and/or non-public information related to corporate strategy; (2) personal information about an individual, including financial and employment information; (3) other information protected by an individual’s right of privacy; (4) confidential financial information; (5) information deemed confidential or non-public by a regulatory body; (6) information otherwise protected by law from disclosure; and/or, (7) any other information with respect to which there is any other compelling need for confidentiality.

3. A Designating Party shall also have the right to designate as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” any information that such party has a reasonable basis to believe: (1) constitutes or reflects “CONFIDENTIAL” information within the meaning of paragraph 2, above; and (2) constitutes or reflects highly sensitive and non-public information that, if disclosed (whether to business competitors or others), would have the potential to

1 seriously harm the personal, privacy, or business interests of the Designating Party or a  
2 non-party to this action. By way of example only, and without limitation, medical  
3 information regarding a Designated Party, bank account and credit card numbers for a  
4 non-party to this action, and trade secrets are the sorts of information that might be  
5 designated "Highly Confidential." In any event, the parties anticipate that this  
6 designation will be used sparingly.  
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9 4. Each of the parties agree to exercise its right to designate information as  
10 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" pursuant to this Stipulation and  
11 Order in good faith, and shall designate as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY  
12 CONFIDENTIAL" only those portions of any materials or information that it believes in  
13 good faith meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 or 3, above, as the case may be.  
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16 5. Information designated as either "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY  
17 CONFIDENTIAL" is hereinafter referred to collectively as "Confidential Information."  
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19 6. All Confidential Information shall be clearly labeled by the Designating  
20 Party as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" at the time that such  
21 Confidential Information is produced. Any copies made of Confidential Information  
22 shall include a confidentiality label. During any deposition or other transcribed  
23 proceeding, any party may designate any portion of the transcript as Confidential  
24 Information on the record, and such materials shall be marked in accordance with  
25 paragraph 18. In case of Confidential Information stored on computers or otherwise in  
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1 electronic format, the CD, DVD or other device containing such information shall either  
2 be labeled by the Designating Party as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
3 CONFIDENTIAL,” or be so described in a letter to counsel for all parties receiving such  
4 materials.  
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6           7. If a producing party inadvertently fails to stamp or otherwise properly  
7 designate documents or other material upon their production, it may designate such  
8 documents as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” by giving written  
9 notice to all parties that the material is to be so designated. All parties shall then stamp  
10 or otherwise mark the designated material as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
11 CONFIDENTIAL” as described above. If a party receiving designated documents or  
12 other materials discloses such Confidential Information to a person not listed in  
13 paragraphs 12 or 13, prior to receiving notice of a belated designation, such party shall,  
14 within five (5) business days notice of the belated designation, request that all such  
15 documents be returned from any person who is not authorized to receive them. In no  
16 case, however, shall a party or any recipient, who used or disclosed the belatedly  
17 designated material, prior to actual notice of the belated designation, incur any liability,  
18 penalty or sanction on account of such use or disclosure, unless such use or disclosure  
19 was unreasonable on its face, e.g., where a third-party individual’s medical or bank  
20 records was involved.  
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1           8. If any party to this Litigation serves a non-party with a subpoena duces  
2 tecum, counsel for the party issuing the subpoena shall give notice to all other parties  
3 within five (5) business days of receipt of the commanded production, and shall  
4 temporarily treat any documents produced as if they have been designated “HIGHLY  
5 CONFIDENTIAL.” The other party shall then have ten (10) business days to review the  
6 subpoenaed documents to determine whether to designate some or all of the documents  
7 as Confidential Information. Any documents designated as Confidential Information  
8 during the 10-day period shall be governed by the terms of this Stipulation and Order.  
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10           9. All subsequently-created derivative documents such as summaries, charts,  
11 and notes, (“Derivative Materials”) that contain or discuss Confidential Information in a  
12 manner that discloses the content of the Confidential Information shall be protected and  
13 governed by this Stipulation and Order to the same extent and on the same basis as the  
14 underlying Confidential Information itself.  
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16           10. The right under this Stipulation and Order to designate information and  
17 documents as Confidential Information shall not limit the right, where applicable, of any  
18 party to redact information from documents produced for inspection or trial in this action  
19 (*e.g.*, on the basis of privilege, relevancy or privacy). However, a party making such  
20 redactions must: (1) indicate on the redacted documents where redactions have been  
21 made; and, (2) provide, at the time of such production, a redaction log similar in form  
22 and substance to a privilege log, containing sufficient information as to the nature of the  
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1 redacted matter and the reasons for the redactions to enable the Court to determine the  
2 propriety of the redactions.  
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4 11. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed by the parties in  
5 writing, Confidential Information and Derivative Materials shall not be used for any  
6 purpose other than pleadings, discovery, motions, briefs, trial and preparation for trial,  
7 appellate proceedings, and any settlement or mediation proceedings in the above-  
8 captioned case.  
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10 12. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed by the parties in  
11 writing, disclosure of the testimony, documents and information designated as  
12 “CONFIDENTIAL,” and associated Derivative Materials, shall be restricted to the  
13 following persons:  
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15 a) The parties to this Litigation, and their agents, auditors, insurers,  
16 employees, officers, directors, shareholders, affiliates, and attorneys who have a  
17 legitimate need to review the information. For the purposes of this provision, “parties to  
18 this Litigation” shall be limited to the Plaintiff and the Defendant in the above-captioned  
19 case, including any later-named parties after this protective order is entered;  
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21 b) Counsel of record for the parties in this Litigation, and their  
22 employees, paralegals, and other secretarial and support personnel working under  
23 counsel's supervision;  
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1 c) Judges, law clerks and other personnel of the Court before which this  
2 Litigation is pending;

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4 d) The trier of fact;

5 e) Stenographic reporters and videographers at depositions and other  
6 proceedings in this Litigation;

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8 f) Independent contractors, experts, consultants or advisors who are  
9 retained or employed by any of the parties or their counsel in connection with the  
10 Litigation, and who have a legitimate need to review such materials to perform their  
11 duties or tasks in connection with the Litigation; and

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13 g) Non-party witnesses in the Litigation only to the extent that such  
14 disclosure is reasonably required in connection with giving testimony in the Litigation;  
15 and,

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17 13. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed by the parties in writing  
18 in advance, disclosure of testimony, documents and information designated as  
19 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL,” and associated Derivative Materials, shall be restricted to  
20 the following persons:

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22 a) Counsel of record for the parties in this Litigation, and their  
23 employees, paralegals, and other secretarial and support personnel working under  
24 counsel's supervision;  
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1                   b) Judges, law clerks and other personnel of the Court before which this  
2                   Litigation is pending;

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4                   c) The trier of fact;

5                   d) Stenographic reporters and videographers at depositions and other  
6                   proceedings in this Litigation;

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8                   e) Independent contractors, experts, consultants or advisors who are  
9                   retained or employed by any of the parties or their counsel in connection with the  
10                  Litigation, and who have a legitimate need to review such materials to perform their  
11                  duties or tasks in connection with the Litigation; and

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13                  f) Non-party witnesses in the Litigation only to the extent that such  
14                  disclosure is strictly necessary in connection with giving testimony in the Litigation;

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16                  14. For purposes of this Protective Order, “expert or consultant” means an  
17                  expert or independent consultant or contractor who is not an employee of the parties, and  
18                  is retained solely for the purposes of advising and assisting counsel in the preparation or  
19                  trial of this action or retained to give expert testimony, and includes his or her support  
20                  personnel to whom it is necessary to disclose Confidential Information for the purposes  
21                  of this action.

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24                  15. Unless the Designating Party agrees otherwise, Confidential Information  
25                  and associated Derivative Materials may be disclosed to persons referred to in  
26                  paragraphs 12(a), (e)-(g) and 13(d)-(f) only after such persons have been advised of the



1 terms and operation of this Stipulation and Order. In addition, unless the Designating  
2 Party agrees otherwise, the Confidential Information and associated Derivative Materials  
3 may be disclosed to persons identified in subparagraphs 12(e)-(g), and 13(d)-(f) only  
4 after such persons have been shown a copy of this Stipulation and Order, and have  
5 agreed to be bound by its terms.  
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8 16. If Confidential Information is disclosed at a deposition, only the court  
9 reporter and those persons who are authorized by the terms of this Stipulation and Order  
10 to receive such material may be present. The portions of the transcripts of all testimony  
11 and exhibits designated or designated on the record of the deposition as Confidential  
12 Information shall be separately bound by the reporter in booklets bearing the appropriate  
13 designation. Additionally, each party shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the  
14 transcript of any deposition within which to notify the other party of the portions of the  
15 transcript that it wishes to designate as Confidential Information. Prior to the end of the  
16 thirty (30) day period, undesignated portions of the deposition transcript shall  
17 provisionally be deemed to be "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL",  
18 and may be used or disclosed only as permitted by this Stipulation and Order. Upon  
19 being informed that certain portions of a deposition are designated as Confidential  
20 Information, each party shall promptly cause each copy in its custody or control to be so  
21 marked.  
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1           17. A Designating Party has the right to withdraw any designation it has made  
2 at any time, upon written notice to the other parties.  
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4           18. This Protective Order shall not apply to information that, prior to  
5 disclosure, either is properly in the possession or knowledge of the party to whom such  
6 disclosure is made or is generally publicly known, and the restrictions contained in this  
7 Protective Order shall not apply to information that is, or after disclosure becomes,  
8 public knowledge other than by an act or omission of the party to whom such disclosure  
9 is made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a party asserting prior or public knowledge  
10 must file a motion with the Court to remove material marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or  
11 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" from the protection of this Protective Order unless the  
12 parties stipulate or otherwise agree to remove the "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY  
13 CONFIDENTIAL" designation.  
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17           19. Nothing in this Stipulation and Order will affect the right of a Designating  
18 Party to share or use his or its own Confidential Information with any person for any  
19 purpose, but any such use that results in an intentional public disclosure of information  
20 he or it previously designated as Confidential Information will be deemed a withdrawal  
21 of the designation as to such publicly disclosed information.  
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24           20. Any party to this action may challenge the propriety of any designation of  
25 Confidential Information. Should a party desire to challenge the designation of any  
26 material under this Stipulation and Order as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY

1 CONFIDENTIAL,” that party (the “Challenging Party”) must serve a written objection  
2 to such designation as soon as practicable after the date of designation of the material as  
3 Confidential Information; in no event shall any such objection be served later than ninety  
4 (90) days prior to trial in this Litigation. The objection shall set forth in detail the basis  
5 for challenging the designation. Within ten (10) business days after service of such an  
6 objection, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve any dispute arising  
7 from the objection. If after such meeting, the dispute remains unresolved, the  
8 Challenging Party may, within ten (10) business days after the meeting, serve and file a  
9 motion challenging the designation of the Confidential Information. The challenged  
10 information shall be treated as Confidential Information until the Court rules on the  
11 challenge.  
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16 21. Compliance with Court Rules.

17 a) Whenever a party wishes to file a document with the Court that  
18 contains information that has been designated as Confidential Information, that party  
19 shall comply with the requirements of all Rules of Court, and the parties shall thereafter  
20 cooperate in following the motion procedures and labeling requirements set forth in the  
21 Local Rules.  
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24 b) The designating party may choose to waive the “CONFIDENTIAL”  
25 or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” designation of any information it files with the Court.  
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To do so, it shall expressly state in the filing that the prior designation is being waived.

1 c) If the Court denies a motion to file a document or information under  
2 seal, that denial shall not affect any other right or obligation under this Stipulation and  
3 Order. In particular, the persons who have access to such Confidential Information  
4 pursuant to paragraphs 12 and 13 shall continue to maintain its confidentiality as  
5 provided in this Stipulation. Furthermore, no party may claim that public access to  
6 Confidential Information through court records renders the information non-confidential.  
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9 22. Each party is responsible for ensuring that access to all Confidential  
10 Information and Derivative Materials shall be permitted only to those persons authorized  
11 by this Stipulation and Order to have access to such information. The party that is  
12 responsible for improper disclosure shall take all reasonable steps to assist the  
13 Designating Party in retrieving or limiting further disclosure of such Confidential  
14 Information.  
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17 23. The inadvertent disclosure of any privileged information, materials or other  
18 materials exempt from production by any party making production of information or  
19 materials in the course of this litigation shall not be deemed a waiver or impairment of  
20 any claim of privilege or exemption, including, but not limited to, the attorney-client  
21 privilege or work product doctrine, concerning any such information or materials or the  
22 subject matter thereof. A party shall promptly notify all other parties if it determines  
23 that it has inadvertently disclosed or received privileged information or materials. Any  
24 party to whom such information or materials have been disclosed shall immediately  
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1 return all copies of the information or materials and cooperate in the return of all copies  
2 of such material from any persons known to have possession of any such redesignated  
3 material. Nothing in this paragraph constitutes a waiver of any party's right to challenge  
4 a supplying party's claim of privilege for any reason, including the manner in which the  
5 material as to which privilege is claimed was produced. Until such challenge has been  
6 resolved by order of the Court or by written agreement of the parties, no party shall use  
7 or disseminate the subject materials in any manner inconsistent with supplying party's  
8 claim of privilege.  
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12 24. Should counsel for any party desire to use another party's Confidential  
13 Information, or any portion or summary thereof, during any proceedings held in open  
14 court, he or she shall, prior to such use, inform the Designating Party of the intended use  
15 outside of the presence of the jury (if any), and counsel for the Designating Party may at  
16 the time of such use request that any portion of the transcript containing such reference  
17 to Confidential Information and any documents attached as exhibits containing  
18 Confidential Information be filed under seal with this Court and be accorded treatment  
19 as Confidential Information as provided by this Stipulation and Order. To the extent  
20 applicable, the parties shall comply with the procedures and requirements of the Local  
21 Rules for filing documents under seal or otherwise sealing court documents.  
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25 25. This Stipulation and Order is entered solely for the purpose of facilitating the  
26 exchange of documents and information between the parties to this action without

1 involving the Court unnecessarily in the process. The production of Confidential  
2 Information pursuant to this Stipulation and Order shall in no way constitute: (a) a  
3 waiver of any right to Object to the production or use of the same information on other  
4 grounds; (b) a general or limited waiver of the attorney-client privilege, the work-  
5 product doctrine, the right to privacy or any other privilege or legal protection; or, (c) a  
6 waiver of any right to object to the production or use of other documents or information  
7 in the Litigation or in any other litigation. By signing this Stipulation and Order, a party  
8 is not deemed to have consented or agreed to the production of any document, testimony  
9 or information or to have waived any objection to the production or use of any  
10 document, testimony or information. The placing of any "CONFIDENTIAL" or  
11 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" designation on the face of a document produced shall  
12 have no effect on determining the authenticity or admissibility of that document at trial.

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17 26. This Stipulation and Order shall be without prejudice to the right of the  
18 Designating Party to present a motion to the Court for separate protective orders as to  
19 any Confidential Information, including for restrictions differing from those as specified  
20 herein.  
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23 27. Within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of all proceedings in the Litigation,  
24 whether by settlement or final judgment, including, but not limited to, final adjudication  
25 of any appeals, petitions for hearing or for extraordinary writs, judgment, settlement, or  
26 extraordinary writs, each Designating Party may request that its Confidential

1 Information and all copies thereof and all Derivative Materials reflecting the content of  
2 its Confidential Information that are in the custody of other parties (or their transferees)  
3 either be returned to counsel for the Designating Party or be destroyed within sixty (60)  
4 days after receipt of such request. Counsel for the respective parties shall confirm in  
5 writing to the requesting Designating Party that they have given notice of the request to  
6 any transferees of the Confidential Documents, and that they have themselves complied  
7 with the requirements of this paragraph. Nothing contained herein shall limit the right of  
8 counsel to keep for counsel's historical files one complete set of pleadings and copies of  
9 such counsel's work product that contain Confidential Information, provided that such  
10 pleadings and work product are appropriately marked as Confidential Information and  
11 are kept in a secure location not freely accessible to other firm employees. The  
12 termination of proceedings in this Litigation shall not relieve the parties, their counsel,  
13 and others receiving Confidential Information of the obligation to maintain the  
14 confidentiality of Confidential Information produced and designated pursuant to this  
15 Stipulation and Order.

21 28. If any party or counsel receiving Confidential Information covered by this  
22 Stipulation and Order (a) is subpoenaed in another action, (b) is served with a demand or  
23 request in another action, or (c) is served with any other legal process by one not a party  
24 to the Litigation that seeks Confidential Information produced or designated as such by  
25 some other party; the party receiving such subpoena, demand, or other legal process  
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1 shall give written notice of such to the Designating Party within five (5) business days  
2 of receipt of such demand and, if requested to do so by the Designating Party, shall  
3 cooperate in maintaining the confidentiality of the information by asserting appropriate  
4 objections and facilitating the ability of the Designating Party to challenge the requested  
5 production. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as requiring the party that  
6 received such Confidential Information to challenge or appeal any order requiring that it  
7 produce the Confidential Information, or to subject itself to any penalties for  
8 noncompliance with any legal process or order.  
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12 29. The parties will attempt in good faith to resolve between themselves any  
13 disagreements concerning the interpretation or application of this Protective Order.  
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15 30. In response to any violation of this Protective Order, the Court may enter  
16 sanctions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 37(b)(2).  
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18 31. Upon conclusion of this Litigation, the Court shall retain such jurisdiction as  
19 may be permissible, necessary and appropriate to enforce this Stipulation and  
20 Confidentiality Order and to enable any party affected by it to apply for other and further  
21 orders concerning the subject of this Stipulation and Order, including, without limitation,  
22 in connection with alleged violations or threatened violations of the terms of this  
23 Stipulation and Order.  
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25 32. This Stipulation and Order may be executed in counterparts, each of which  
26 shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute one document.



Any provision of this Stipulation and Order may be modified by the Court upon proper notice and for good cause shown,

It Is So Stipulated.

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IT IS SO ORDERED this 27th day of March, 2014.

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SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE